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SUBJ: AIFLD-PROPOSED VISIT OF PERUVIAN MINE UNION OFFICIALS

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1. VISIT OF MINE UNION OFFICIALS TO U.S. HAS BEEN OBJECTIVE OF PERUVIAN CTP FOR SOME TIME. SPECIFIC TRIP OF UNION AND MINING COMMUNITY (NEW FORM OF LABOR ASSOCIATION INSTITUTED BY GOP) LEADERS FROM NORTHERN PERU MINING CORPORATION WAS DISCUSSED GENERALLY WITH EMBASSY AND SPECIFICALLY WITH AIFLD IN NOVEMBER 1974. CTP APPARENTLY HAS FIRM COMMITMENT FROM COMPANY FOR PARTICIPATION IN PAYMENT LOST TIME SALARIES AS WELL AS FULL AIR FARE LIMA-WASHINGTON-MEXICO-LIMA. CTP HAS INVESTED SOME PRESTIGE IN MATTER.

2. FROM TALKS WITH AIFLD REP WHO HAD DISCUSSED PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER 1974, CTP VIEWS SCOPE OF VISIT TO BE MORE AKIN TO CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM ACTIVITY RATHER THAN NORMAL AIFLD FRONT ROYAL EXPERIENCE. MINERS HOPE TO MEET WITH STEEL AND MINE UNION LEADERS IN THE U.S. AND TO OBSERVE MINE AND STEEL MILL OPERATIONS. THEY PLAN TO DISCUSS HEALTH AND SAFETY FACTORS, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, WAGES, HOURS, WORKING CONDITIONS, PENSIONS, ETC. THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME IN WASHINGTON VISITING AFL/CIO, AIFLD, UNITED MINE WORKERS AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN MINE SECTOR. CTP REQUESTS AIFLD TO ARRANGE FOR
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STOPOVER IN MEXICO IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT DISCUSSIONS WITH

MINING UNIONS AND ORIT. CTP UNDERSTANDS THAT UNITED STEEL WORKERS AND AIFLD WILL ARRANGE FOR PAYMENT U.S. PORTION OF TRIP, I.E. TRAVEL, WHATEVER PER DIEM NECESSARY, ETC.

3. LABOR LEADERS WHO PLAN TO VISIT U.S. ARE:

JOSE SANCHEZ SALINAS - PRESIDENT OF THE MINING COMMUNITY AT NOTHERN PERU MINING CORPORATION (NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL LIST BUT CONSIDERED BEST CANDIDATE);
MAURO AVALAS GUTIERREZ - MEMBER OF DIRECTIVE COUNCIL, NPMC LABOR COMMUNITY;
JUAN MANUEL ALAYO SANCHEZ - DEFENSE SECRETARY OF MINING COMMUNITY AT QUIRUVILCA MINE;
MEDARDO TOLENTINO GASTONADUI - A LEADER IN THE EMPLOYEES UNION AT NPMC AND
JORGE AGUILAR VASQUEZ- LEADER OF THE SHOREY MINE UNION.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AIFLD REQUEST RE THIS PROGRAM BE APPROVED, ESPECIALLY SINCE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PAID BY PERUVIAN SOURCES AND SOME U.S. EXPENSES COVERED BY HOST UNION. EMBASSY HOPES THAT BOTH STEEL WORKERS AND AIFLD WILL ENGAGE IN RIGOROUS REVIEW OF EXPERIMENT TO DETERMINE FUTURE USEFULNESS OF SUCH PROGRAM. USEFULNESS FOR PERUVIAN CTP IS EXPECTED POLITICAL BENEFIT IN MINING AREA WHERE IT HAS LOST INFLUENCE OVER PAST FEW YEARS TO COMMUNIST UNIONS. MINING COMMUNITY AND UNION OFFICIALS THEMSELVES SHOULD PROFIT FROM U.S. EXPERIENCE AND MAY BE ABLE EXTRAPOLATE FROM U.S. UNION PRACTICES SOMETHING OF VALUE FOR OWN ORGANIZATIONS.

5. CTP NEEDS TO KNOW ARRIVAL DATE FOR GROUP IN ORDER MAKE PREPARATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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